

**Amendments to the Specification:**

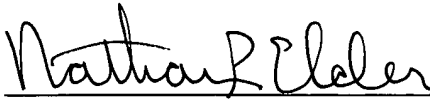
On page 1, please replace paragraph under Cross Reference to Related Applications with the following paragraph:

This application is a Continuation of Application Serial No. 09/237,194, filed on January 26, 1999, which is a Continuation of Application Serial No. 08/481,925, filed on June 7, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,899,855, issued May 4, 1999, which is a FWC of Application Serial No. 08/233,397, filed on April 26, 1994, now abandoned, which is a Continuation-In-Part of Application Serial No. 07/977,323, filed November 11, 1992, now U.S. Patent No. 5,307,263, issued on April 26, 1994. This application is also related to U.S. Patent 6,168,563, which is a Continuation-In-Part of the above-referenced U.S. Patent 5,899,855, and a Continuation-In-Part of U.S. Patent 5,997,476, which claims the priority to Provisional Application Serial No. 60/041,746, filed March 28, 1997 and Provisional Application Serial No. 60/041,751, filed March 28, 1997. This application is also related to U.S. Patent 5,897,493, which also claims priority to Provisional Application Serial No. 60/041,751 and 60/041,746 both filed March 28, 1997. This application is also related to Application Serial No. 10/233,296, filed on August 30, 2002; Application Serial No. 09/665,242, filed on March 28, 1997; Application Serial No. 10/319,427, filed December 12, 2002, and Application Serial No. 09/713,922, filed on November 15, 2000.

If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would in any way expedite the prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact André Marais at (408) 947-8200 ext. 204.

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